

Next Gen Foodware Ordinances: A Policy Lab for Local Government

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WORKSHOP AGENDA

8:30 Sign-in & Breakfast

9:00 Welcome & Goals for the Day

9:10 Introductions

9:20 Setting the Stage: A Framework for Addressing Single-Use Foodware

- **The Local Government Perspective** - Eun-Soo Lim, County of San Mateo
- **The Environmental Perspective** - Miriam Gordon, UPSTREAM
- **A Framework for Next Gen Policy Solutions** - Peter Schultze-Allen, EOA Inc.

9:50 Early Adopters: Standards and Requirements for Single-Use Foodware

Moderator: Martin Bourque, Ecology Center

- **City of Oakland: Reducing Disposables through "On-Request" Provisions** - Wanda Redic, City of Oakland
- **City/County of San Francisco: Banning Fluorinated Chemicals and Plastic Straws in Foodware** - Jack Macy, City/County of San Francisco
- **City of Alameda: Going Recyclable or Compostable?** - Kerry Parker, City of Alameda

10:30 GROUP DISCUSSION:

- What are some best practices that your jurisdiction has learned in your early efforts around addressing single-use foodware that will be helpful to other local governments?
- What early approaches is your jurisdiction interested in right now, and what are some of your initial concerns?

10:50 Reusables for Onsite Dining - A Discussion of Benefits and Obstacles

Moderator: Meri Soll, StopWaste

- **ReThink Disposable** - Samantha Sommer, Clean Water Action
- **Retrofits, and Water and Energy Consumption - Can Big Fast Food Chains Adapt?** - Richard Young, Frontier Energy
- **External Dishwashing Services** - Farhad Salehian, Dishjoy
- **Addressing Infrastructure Challenges and Permits for Future Facilities - The Berkeley Approach** - Martin Bourque, Ecology Center

11:35 GROUP DISCUSSION: Benefits and Challenges

- What are the benefits and challenges of this approach?
- Are there other options for reducing disposables in on-site dining?

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Customer Charges - A Discussion of Challenges and Opportunities

Moderator: Miriam Gordon, UPSTREAM

- **California Health Code Provisions for BYO Foodware** - Justin Malan, Retail Food Safety Group
- **Consumers and Businesses' Reactions via Survey** - Christopher Slafter, Clean Water Action
- **Engaging and Avoiding Adverse Impacts on Homeless and Economically Disadvantaged Communities** - Chris Richardson, Downtown Streets Team

1:35 GROUP DISCUSSION: Challenges and Opportunities

- Does charging customers for single-use work? What lessons have we learned from plastic bag fees?
- How do we address concerns about hygiene, food handling and the health code?
- What are local governments doing to prevent undue burden on the homeless regarding charges on single-use disposables?

2:00 Reusable Systems to Support Culture Change

Moderator: Eun-Soo Lim, County of San Mateo

- **Experience with Go-Box in Palo Alto** - Chuck Muir, City of Palo Alto
- **Mandatory Reuse and Available Systems to Support it** - Miriam Gordon, UPSTREAM

- **Launching a Reusable Foodware Pilot in Berkeley** - Martin Bourque, Ecology Center

2:35 GROUP DISCUSSION: How Do We Scale This?

- ❑ What are the characteristics of a reuse program that would succeed and scale?
- ❑ What can local governments do to make these reuse systems available in their communities, to accelerate/catalyze their growth?

3:15 Breakout Groups by County

Questions for each breakout groups:

- What's already being considered in the cities and county in your group?
- Is a model policy approach an option? Are there jurisdictions that may be interested in coordinating?
- Is there a public agency in your region that is willing to take the lead on this?
- What will work in your jurisdiction/region/community? What won't?
- What are the particular challenges your city/county/region are facing that make this challenging?
- Who are your local champions?
- What is your timeframe?

4:15 Report Back from Each Group

4:50 Closing Remarks – and workgroup sign-ups